

30.6.74 Peria Kanmai - 9.30 to 10.30 A.m.
5.30 to 6.30 P.m.

Water will come for another
Twenty days - cloudy - no ^{high} winds.

In the morning the Painted
Storks were far away. In the evening
they were ^{about} 200 feet and they flew
here and there. But they never
flew so high as on the previous
occasion.

Pelicans were completely absent.

Swifts, Common Green Bee Eaters,
Larks were common in the harvested
fields.

Terms - two kinds - were there.
Ternlets chased each other in close
combination.

61. Ternlet

62. Rosy Terns.

Total 62 for July

1-1-1974 Periakannmai North Kalingu. 8-45 to 10-30
A.M.

4 Points Visible. Water flowing at full speed from Vaigai Canal touching the two banks of the canal. - Sunny - Northern wind

Heavy rains and low pressure condition during the last ten days. Vaigai almost full - rain around.

Due to flooding most of the birds not seen. Even common birds which I usually notice during ^{early} morning were not there. (Shrikes, Larks, Pied Cuckoo, Hoopoe)
Dove, Br. Myna etc)

Only one Blue tailed bee. Eaten water there. Why the decrease in number I don't know. It has yellow tinged green above the body and the size also a trifle larger - most probably a young one.

Few Large Egrets were there in the flooded dry lands.

Usually Grey Heron have yellowish bills. I saw a large Grey Heron with rose tinged ~~beak~~ bill and thick black mark on neck.

Absence of Shikara even in the advanced winter is noteworthy

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11 Grey Heron | 33 Black Bl. Fish Hawk 45 |
| 12 Large Egret 55 | 34 Tree Pie 47 |
| 13 Median Egret | 35 Red vented Bulbul |
| 14 White breasted
Water Hen 54 | 36 Streaked Warbler |
| 15 Black winged Stilt 53 | 37 Tick Tick Warbler |
| 16 Little Stint. | 38 Pied white wing Tail 46 |
| 17 Spotted Sandpiper | 39 Baya Weaver |
| 18 Green Sandpiper 52 | |
| 19 Common Sandpiper | |
| 20 ? Tern | |
| 21 White Breasted Kingfisher | |
| 22 Pied Kingfisher 51 | |
| 23 Common Bee Eater | |
| 24 Blue-T. Bee Eater 10 | |
| 25 Coucal | |
| 26 Swallow (Common) | |
| 27 " European? | |
| 28 Palm Swift | |
| 29 Brown Swift? | |
| 30 Purple Sunbird | |
| 31 White Throated Mania 50 | |
| 32 Tree Pipit 49 | |

18.1.1974 - Sakkarakittai Kammai 7.15 to 8.00 AM

Bright sunny day - No Binocular -
water almost full in the Kammai - no
sign of any bird in the Kammai - it will
take another month for the tank to
attract F. limigo which were not seen
by me till now. On the way stopped
near the church and photographed 4
Little Egrets - six exposures 100 - 8+11

56. Golden Oriole

Tree Pie

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

" Tern ?

Madras Bush Lark

57. Yellow Throated Sparrow

21.4.74 2nd day of 4th 2nd 4th 2nd 4th 2nd 4th
6.30 to 7.00 2nd day - 2nd day 2nd day 2nd day
looked like 2nd day 2nd day 2nd day.

Birds ^{were everywhere in} were in ⁹⁰⁰⁰ many numbers.

Two or three pairs of Orioles were there.
White breasted Kingfishers were
making a lot of noise and they were
chasing each other.

were seen One pair of Large Pied Wagtails
engaged in nuptial rituals.

One Bird spread its wings
howling and whistling approached the
other from about one feet distance. As soon
as it reached the reaches its mate it made
some peculiar movements and it flew
away this happened three or four times
and when an intruder approached the
it flew away chasing it. The Night

Pied Large Wagtail

Blue tailed Bee Eater

Common Bee Eater

White Breasted Kingfisher

Pied Kingfisher

Golden Oriole

There were not there
in the Palace backyard

58 Hoots

White breasted Nuthatch

Common Babbler

Tee Tee Warbler.

22-1-74 Nother Kalinga - 7-00 - 8.15 P.m.

Dew - Sunny - Bright - Morning -
What 14 points visible

A very successful morning.
Today I had two records for Ramras
A Quill and Black Headed Munia.
Black Winged Kite, Green billed Stork,
Shikara, Marsh Harrier were 1500 ft
a long interval. ~~A~~ good Photography
Pied Crested Cuckoo and Black
Headed Munia were also taken.

Warblers and sandpipers
were in good numbers.

Teals & Cormorans were
flying overhead.

A pair of Grey Wagtails
were seen. which will be an unusual
sight during this part of year.

P. T. O.

- 59 Grey Quail 11
 60 Black Headed Munia 12
 61 Grey Wagtail 13
 62 Open billed ~~stork~~ 14
 63 Marsh Harrier
 Cormorant
 64 Common Teal
 65 Cotton Teal
 Common Sandpiper
 66 ~~Black~~ winged Kite
 (with Two immature Birds)
 67 Black winged Stilt
 Pied Crested Cuckoo
 Common Bee Eater
 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
 Purple Sunbird
 Madras Bush Lark
 Tree pipit
 Richard's Pipit
 Cuckoo
 Brown Warbler
 Reed Warbler
 Paddy field Warbler
 E. R. Plover
 Spotted Sandpiper

- White Breasted Kingfisher
 White Throated Munia
 Black Keet
 68 White backed Munia
 Tree Pie
 Median Egret
 Jungle Babbler
 Hoopoe
 Red Vented Babbler
 69 Ring Dove
 70 Brahminy Nyna
 ? Tern
 White Breasted Waterhen
 Grey Partridge (Heard)
 Yellow Thr Sparrow
 Common Swallow
 Palm Swift
 Tailor Bird

31. 1.74 North Kalingu - Periakannai - by
walk 6.30 to 8.30 A.M. - Water level 18 Pints
Visible. - Bright sunny day - No Rain for
The Past fifteen days

Took 10 Photographs - a close up
of Madras Bush Lark.

Pelicans in huge flocks in
the Periakannai - about 100 to 150
Metres from the tank bund - But they flew
away in their majestic diagonal line.
No sign Peliminges - flew Teals and
one Green billed stork.

Snipes were there in large
numbers.

A single cormorant probably
a large Cormorant.

Most of the birds engaged in the
breeding activities.

While
Photographed to Parrots killing.
White Breasted Kingfishers very
noisy.

Sampipers were also in good
numbers.

P.P.D.

- 71 Spotted Billed Pelican
 72 Large Cormorant-?
 Little cormorant
 73 Giant Heron? or Grey
 Open Billed Stork
 Common Teal
 Pin Tail ?
 Grey Partridge (Heard)
 White Breasted Water Hen
 Green Shank
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Green Sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper
 Common Snipe
 Brown Headed Gull
 Indian River Tern
 74 Indian Whiskered Tern
 Ring Dove
 Rose ringed Parakeet
 Pied Crested Cuckoo
 75 Indian Cuckoo.
 Koel
 76 Little Grebe

77 Scavenger Vulture.

Palm Swift

Pied Kingfisher

W. Breasted Kingfisher

Small Green Bee Eater

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

Madras Bush Lark

78 Singing Sky Lark?

Swallow

79 Red Rumped Swallow

Golden Oriole

Grey Drongo

Brahmy Myna

Tree Pie

Jungle Babbler

80 Verditer Fly Catcher?

S. Fantail Warbler

Ashy Wren Warbler.

Blyth Reed Warbler.

Pipit

Grey Wagtail

White Throated Munia

45 + 10

55

2.2.1974 Decipattanam Road upto 8 km mark
6.45 to 8.00 A.M.

Bright sunny Morning - Dew in the early hours - second crop cultivation in progress in some fields.

One Pelican and few Painted Storks were seen on the Road side pools. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters in pairs were there. Grey Partridges and Larks were also in good numbers. The tee tee warblers were very numerous.

While returning 14 ^{head} Grey Mynas were seen near 4 km mark. They may be Rosy Pastors.

In a paddy planted field (only two or three days wet) six kinds of water birds including Green Shank and Ganderlings, were seen. Due to favourable light position I was able to go very near just 10 meters to the birds which were about 50 in number.

No sign of Harriers only after 8.00 I think the wild start flying.

P.T.O for List

Little Cormorant

49 S. B. Pelican

50 Painted Stork

Grey Heron

51 Open B. Stork

52 Cattle Egret

Indian R. Tern

53 Spotted Sandpiper

Common Sandpiper

54 Greenshank

55 Bantailed Godwit

56 Sanderling or
Lesser Sand Plover

2. Ringed Plover

57 Little Stint.

C. Green Bee Eater

Blue Tailed B. Eater

W. Breasted Kingfisher

Madras Bush Lark

Tree Pipit

B. Bellied Finch Lark

Richard Pipit

58 Paddy field Warbler

~~Reddish Warbler~~

59 Ring Dove

Golden Oriole

Grey Headed My na or
Rosy Pastern

60 Coucou

Pied Crested Cuckoo
Swallow

61 R. Rumped Swallow

Palum Swift

Ashy Swallow Shrike

62 Grey Partridge

63 Hoopie

R. R. Parakeet

$$35 + 10 = \boxed{45}$$

9.2.1974 Sethukarai Upto 1k.m mark 9-11.40a.m

Partly cloudy hot day - light drizzling -
walked from Thimpullani

No sign of any bird in the Sakka
Rakkottai Kanmai except Gull billed
River Terns.

In the thorn forest near Sethukarai
an Gora was noted for first time. Grey
Headed Myna, Black Headed Cuckoo
Shrike were also there. Golden Orioles
were very numerous in numbers.

A Black Headed Ibis was noted near
Thimpullani for the first time in this season.
Four Green Billed Malkoha were also
noted. No sign of water birds in the back
waters. The trip most interesting.

The hot sun was very disturbing my
idea of taking photographs not successful.

I was able to take three photo
of a male Peacock in the tree in the
Munagan temple. While returning
Cormorants and Teal were noted in the
pool of water behind Munagan temple

- 11 Grey Heron.
 - 12 Blacknecked Ibis
 - 13 Indian Reef Heron
 - 14 L. Ringed Plover
 - 15 Lesser Sand Plover
 - 16 B. Bellied Finch Lark
 - 17 Maclean Bush Lark
 - 18 Richard's Pipit
 - 19 Tree Pipit
 - 20 Palm Swift
 - 21 Common Swallow
 - 22 Golden Oriole
 - 23 Rose Ringed Parakeet
 - 24 White Br. Kingfisher
 - 25 Gull billed Tern
 - 26 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
 - 27 Green Bee Eater
 - 28 Common Sand piper
 - 29 Purple Sunbird
- Thorn Forest 3.00 to 1.00 AMK.

- 30 Iora
- 31 Black Headed Cucko Shrike
- 32 Grey Head Myna
- 33 Brahmany Myna
- 34 Indian Robin
- 35 Tailor Bird
- 36 Jungle Babbler

- 37 Golden Backed Wood Pecker
- 38 Purple R. Sunbird
- 39 Green Faced Malkoha
- 40 Tawny Eagle
- 41 Pied Crested Cuckoo
- 42 Reed Warbler &
- 43 Ashy Swallow Shrike
- ~~44~~ Paradise Flycatcher
- 44 Lesser Cormorant
- 45 Common Teal
- 46 Copper Smith
- 47 White Headed Babbler
- 48 Peacock
- 4

Hoopie
Paddle Eater

40 + 10 = 50

number continues
on the previous day.

9-2-74 Periakammai Northern Kalingu 4.15 to 5.30

Bright sunny afternoon - Breeze from NW

WATER LEVEL 24 MARKS visible

In the afternoon it is not possible to list many birds. In the Periakammai about 150 to 200 Pelicans assembled near the bund. I tried to photo graph them but before I approach it flew away to the other side. Immediately a gun shot was heard. And the birds ~~took~~ flew to the centre of the Kammai. The Painted Strokes which took to wing, flew over head and they started going up and up and circling over head. Teals flew low over the water and settled in the other end.

Two Brahmany Kites chased each other as if they were quarrelling but it is only part of their breeding display.

Only 25 birds + 10 was noted during the trip. which were not listed for the mark are given below.

64 White Throated Munia

65 Shikara

66 Black Winged Stilt

17-2-74 Devipattanam 3.00 P.M to 6.00 P.M

Bright sunny day - with heavy breeze from NORTH EAST. In salt pan work just started. Ulagi accompanied me - first went straight to the northern swamp and walked to the southern tip.

Caspian Tern in good numbers with coral head peaks - Pin Tails about 20 to 25 - Dusky Redshanks numerous only in the southern tip - Gulls - ~~Curlews~~ - Grey Plovers - Lesser Plovers and other Bird - ~~Eastern~~ Reef Heron only 2 or 3 - White Bellied Sea Eagle - absence of Giant Heron main feature.

Terns not in good numbers.

People told during Nov. Dec. Jan Birds were there in thousands.

BIRD Catchers from Rammed operating there also.

Taken Three Photographs of Indian Reef
Heron 5.30 P.m. $\frac{1}{60}$ - 8 - other shots of the
Navagrham and Boats.

Near Devipattanam

- 77 Caspian Tern
- 76 Pin Tails
- Common Teals
- 75 Dusky Red Shanks
- 74 Black Backed Gulls
- 73 Brown Headed Gulls
- 72 Caspian Tern
- River Tern
- 71 Curlew
- 70 Grey Plover
- ~~Grey Shank~~
- Lesser Sand Plover
- Indian Reef Heron
- Richards Pipit
- 69 Spotted Dove
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Madras Bush Lark
- 68 White Bellied Sea Eagle
- Kentish Plover

En Route.

- Grey Heron
- Palm Swift
- Common Swallow
- B.T. Bee Eater
- 78 Koll
- White Breasted Kite
- R.R. Parakeet
- Common Bee Eater
- B.B. Finch Lark
- Green Sandpiper.
- Common Sandpiper
- Blyth's Warbler
- Thugla Babbler.
- 79 Rock Pigeon
- 80 House Swift

21.2.74 Periakamai Northen Kalinga 6.30 to 7.45 A.M.

What happens to be an unusually lucky day
for a Bird watcher. 54 Birds in all noted
only new birds for the month noted
below. Water level 30 marks below

No Pelicans in the early hours.
Snipes in good numbers. Common
Teals in good numbers. Shrikes
noted - Warblers in large numbers.

- 81 Spoon Bill
- 82 Golden Backed Wood Pecker
- 83 The Kestrel.
- 84 Red Bented Bulbul
- 85 Black winged Stit
- 86 Spotted Munia
- 87 Brown Shrike
- 88 Grey Shrike
- 89 White Breasted Kingfisher
- 90 Wood Snipe
- 91 Golden Snipe
Tinged

24.2.74 Sakkarakota Kanmai } 9.30 to
Lakshmi Uooroni Thorn forest } 10.45 AM

Bright Sunny day - no clouds only
today the day become very warm & hot
water decreasing very fastly.

The Night Herons which used to
stay at the Palace Compound were seen
in the Thorn forest. They may thought
that because of water it. Few Teals were
there. In the Sakkarai Kottai Kanmai
No sign of Pelicans or Flamingos or
Painted Stork. But in the far off western
end some white dets were visible.
Few Teals were there.

92 Yellow Throated Sparrow

93 Grey Drongo

94 Coppersmith

95 Night Heron

96 White Scavenger Vulture

MARCH - 1974 - 3.3-1974.

KAVANNOOR! - Peria Kanmai - 3.30 to 6.00 P.M.

Heavy Rain ~~for the~~ ^{on the} 28-2-74
and 1-3-1974. All the paddy field and
Local Tanks flooded - But No water from
Vaigai - Level at Peria Kanmai **28**
Marks Visible - Harvesting and planting
goes on in full swing.

In Kavanoor I was able to
see more 300 Painted ~~storks~~ and
about 50 to 100 Spotted Pelicans. The
water level was very poor. About 4.00
P.M. the Painted ~~storks~~ started feeding
In a file of 4 to 5 they marched along
the other end of the tank. Their speed is
remarkable. Few Pelicans were also with
them. Some Birds flew from behind and
from the vanguard of the movement.
At about 4.45 everything was still.
They sat quietly. Considerable numbers
of young ones were in the party. There

bills flesh red contrasted in the afternoon
sun with that of the grown up. and their
size also was a pointer.

In the Middle part of the tank
I observed Pelicans and few painted
storks occupying tree tops (mostly 2 or 3 in)
They deliberately avoided trees in the
edges and used them as a screen and
protection. 10 to 15 trees were occupied.
The damaged state of the tree tops indi-
cates that they must be nests. The young
ones also points the same. So they breed
here after two years interval. I should
visit the place after ten days and should
try to approach the tank.

List next page.

Larks were in good numbers

1 Spotted Billed Pelican

2 Grey Heron

3 Median Egret

4 Painted Stork

5 Lesser Whistling Teal

6 Common Teal

7 Kestrel

8 White Breasted Waterhen

9 Kentish Plover

10 Little Ring Plover

11 Lesser Sand Plover

12 Spotted Sandpiper

13 Little Stint

14 Painted Snipe (second time)

15 Gull-billed
River Tern

16 Rock Pigeon

17 Ring Dove

18 Koel

19 Palm Swift

20 Alpine Swift

21 W. B. Kingfisher

22 B.T. Bee Eater

23 Grey Bee Eater

24 Madras Bush Lark

25 Ashy Crowned Finch Lark

26 Singing Sky Lark

27 Crested Lark

28 Eastern Swallow

29 Golden Oriole

30 Grey Drongo

31 Brahmany Myna

32 Jungle Babbler

33 Blyth Reed Warbler

34 Streaked Fantail
Warbler

35 Indian Sunbird

$$35 + 10 = 45$$

14.3.74 - Sakkarai kottai Kammal - 6.30 to 7.00 a.m.

Bright sunny Day - water almost full
what a contrast - to the last years position
when the tank is almost dried up by
this time.

No sign ^{of} any kind
~~bird~~ in the Kammal Except few Terns.
water will last upto May. 31. or even
further.

- 36 Indian Whiskered Tern 48 Copper Smiths
37 Hoopoe
38 Richards Pipit
39 Tree Pipit
40 Yellow Wattled Lapwing.
41 Spotted Munia
42 Grey Shrike
43 Yellow Throated Sparrow
44 Shikara?
45 Cattle Egret
46 ~~Red~~ Rose Ringed Parakeet
47 Purple Sunbird

16.3.74 - Periakannai - 6.00 to 7.45 A.M.

Bright sunny day - The water just to
West of the Single Tree.

After a long wait of about 4 months
I was lucky to day to saw five Felmingos
for this season. Where there with 100 to 500
birds only five were there.

Indian Whiskered Tern attain
the black in the belly and another
Gull billed Tern with black
head were numerous. One Brown
headed Gull with head just turning
into black. was also seen. The association
of Pelicans and Gulls was a notable
feature. The Pelicans travelled a lot
within one hour.

Due to second crop operations
in large
Plover and sandpipers were numerous
in the harvested Paddy fields. The
Wagtails with (Gray + yellow?) beauti-
ful yellow body arrived ~~here~~ in their
return journey

- Spot billed Pelican
 48 Large Cormorant
 Grey Heron
 Median Egret-
 49 Night Heron
 Painted Stork
 50 Open billed Stork
 51 Spoon bill
 52 Flamingo
 Lesser Whistling Teal
 Common Teal
 53 Spot-bill
 White breasted Waterhen
 54 Grey Partridge
 L. Q. Plover
 Kentish Plover
 Lesser Sand Plover
 55 Green Shrike
 56 Red Shrike
 Spotted Sandpiper
 57 Common Sandpiper
~~Kentish~~
 58 Sanderling

- Little Stunt.
 59 Br-headed Gull
 60 Gull billed Tern
 Indian Whiskered Tern
 Pied Crested Cuckoo
 Grey Drongo
 Alpine Swift
 Palm Swift
 61 Golden backed Woodpecker
 Singing Skylark
 Eastern Swallow
 62 Brown Shrike
 63 Southern Tree Pie
 64 Black-headed Cuckoo Shrike
 65 Peafowl.
 66 Red wren Gid Babbler
 Jungle Babbler
 Brah Myna
 Streaked F. Warbler
 Blyth Reed Warbler
 67 Paddy field Warbler

$$43 + 10 = 53$$

17. 3. 1974 Vaigai Tharavai - 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.

With Prof Abraham - by bus up to Kalukoorini
Then walk. Sunny day - sand flat: almost
dried up - water only in the central canal -
No sign of Golden Plovers - on the way
Shrikes as usual in good numbers.

68 Little Grebe

Shikara

Grey Heron

Indian Shagor

Little Cormorant

Cattle Egret

Median Egret.

69 Bartailed Godwit

Dunlin

Kerner's sand Plover

70 Golden Plover (me)?

71 Black winged Stilt

Spotted sandpiper

Sanderling

Gull billed Tern

Grey Drongo

Alpine Swift

Comm. Gr. Bee Eater

Palm Swift

72 Spotted Dove

73 Indian Robin

74 Wood Shrike

75 Rufous Shrike

76 Bay Backed Shrike

Eastern Swallow

Red vented Bulbul

Brahminy Myna

Purple Sunbird

B. Bell Finch Lark

Singing Shrike Lark

Madras Bush Lark

Blk 12 Reed Warbler

Tungke Babbler

$33 + 10 = 43$

20.3.1974 Kavanoor - Periakammal North Kalinga
6 AM to 8 AM

heavy dew after 5.30 A.M. - sunny day.
Kavanoor Kammal dried up - water only in the
ditches - few Open billed storks and Painted storks
flew away from the Kavanmai - no sign of birds on
tree tops.

lots of song in the dry fields. Larks in
good numbers - very noisy -

Saw a Open billed stork feeding for
about 5 minutes Three kinds of warblers seen.

Blue Tailed Bee Eater absent?

- 77 Marsh Harrier
- 78 Pied Kingfisher
- 79 Green Sandpiper
- 80 Spotted Owllet

water level below 28 mark.

24.3.1974 Sethukarai - 6.00 to 9.00 A.M.

Bright sunny day - New Moon.
Water almost at low ebb - a new sand
bund emerging near the lagoon's mouth.

Cuckoo shrikes, Green billed Nuthatches,
Golden Orioles, Golden Backed Woodpeckers
were in numbers in the thorn forest.

The small boys there told that
Pitta used to visit that place every year
during rainy season. Next year I
should fix it up.

In the lagoon Golden Plovers
Lesser Sand Plovers were in good
numbers.

A successful trip - But the hot
sun after 9.00 very depressing
Now there are ^{three} ~~two~~ buses in the morning
for Sethukarai.

On the way back noticed many
birds. ^{level}
water in the Sakkarakottai kumai
~~decreasing~~ ^{decreasing} ~~sharply~~ ^{sharply} List P.T.O.

Grey Heron
Open billed Stork
81 Lesser Sand Plover
Golden Plover
82 Large Sand Plover
Common Sandpiper
83 Wimbrel
Green Shank
Spotted Sandpiper
84 Avocet Sandpiper
Gull billed Tern
85 Caspian Tern
Spotted Dove
Palm Swift
Alpine Swift
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Common Swallow
Green Bee Eater
Madras Bush Lark
B. Bellied Finch Lark
Eastern Swallow.
Golden Oriole

Grey Drongo
Brahminy Myna
Jungle Babbler
86 Common Babber
Purple Sunbird
87 Paradise Flycatcher
88 Cuckoo Shrike (Banded)
Black headed Cuckoo shrike
91 Tailor Bird
89 Ashy Swallow Shrike
90 White Throated Munia
91 Green Billed Malhaha
Golden Backed Wood Pecker
Copper Smiths
Peafowl
92 Indian Robin
Rose Ring Parakeet
Red vented Bulbul
White Warbler (Leaf)
Blyth Reed Warbler
Hoopie
Coucal
Spotted owl 58

47 + 10

29.3.1974 Periakammal - 6.15 to 7.15 A.M.

Bright sunny weather. What has not yet withdrawn beyond the lone tree.

A group of 500 Teals flew from west and came down on the water.

The number of Felimingos to day was about 30

There was no sign of Pelican. Only two Painted Storks were there. Three men were just in the middle of the tank fishing.

A group of Cormorants flew from the tank towards east.

Small waders like stints, sandlings, L.R. plovers were in large numbers.

Larks were singing in loud voice and one flew very high in the air and was there for more than five minutes.

31.3.24 Devipattanam 3.00 to 6.30 P.m

Hot sunny day. Moon Aslami - out
skirts of salt field almost dry - High
tide slowly rising and reached the ^{near} high
tide mark by 5-30 P.m

Lesser sand Plovers, Little
Stints were in hundreds. 10 to 20
Golden Plovers near sea shore - Black
Headed gulls attained full black of their
head. Godwits in good numbers.
Grey Plovers not yet got Black on
the Breasts. No sign of any Indian
Reef Heron in Black Phase.

White Bellied Sea Eagle
fought with a Boarry Kite and snatched
a fish from it triumphantly.

On the way saw a Pied Heron
and while returning a common
King fisher.

31.3.74 Devipattanam and back.

Birds Seen

Birds Seen on way to
Devipattanam

Little Grebe
W.B. Kingfisher
Hoopie
Gr. Bee Eater
Palm Swift
Brown Swift
Little Egret
Madras Bask Lark

93 PIED HARRIER

Grey Drongo
Bl. Bellied Fin Lark

Devipattanam

Rock Pigeon
Black Headed Gull
Brown Headed Gull

94 LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL

BARTAILED GODWIT

Caspian Tern
Common Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper

95 GREY PLOVER

Golden Plover

96 INDIAN REEF HERON (WP)

97 CURLEW

Green Shank

98 WHITE BELLED SEA EAGLE

Ashy Swallow Shrike
ON way BACK.

Coucou
White Breasted Noddy

Ring Dove
Spotted Dove
Grey Heron

99 COMMON KINGFISHER

Rose R. Parakeet
Singing Sky Lark

31+10=41

100 Yellow bellied
Lapwing

on 24.3.71,
while on journey
to Uttarakora
Mangai

100

[APRIL 1974]

14.4.1974 Beriakannai - Kalingu 6.00 - 8.00 A.M.

The water just touching the single
Acacia tree Kannai. After ^{an interval of} fifteen days the
Kannai makes me wonder with the
abundance of birds.

50 to 70 Flamingos were there.
Pelicans and Painted Storks were there
in large huge flocks. Open billed Stork
and Spoonbills are in lesser numbers.
Small waders were also in good number.
The absence of Gulls noticeable.

Near the Kalingu the pool is drying
up. Only Common Sandpiper and Spotted Sand
piper seen.

A young Grebe which was
reluctant to fly cheated the people who
wanted to catch ~~them~~ it.

Cattle Egrets with breeding
plumage were seen in flocks.

Dorungos are very active and
drove all birds away.

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Little Grebe | 25 Madras Bush Lark |
| 2 Flamingo | 26 B. Bellied Fing Lark |
| 3 Pelican | 27 Richard Pipit. |
| 4 Painted Stork | 28 Grey Wagtail |
| 5 Grey Heron | 29 Purple Sunbird |
| 6 Open billed Stork | 30 Hutton's Sunbird |
| 7 Spoon bill | 31 B. & R. Reed Warbler |
| 8 Cattle Egret | 32 Ashy Wren Warbler |
| 9 Night Heron | 33 Jungle Babler |
| 10 Large Egret | 34 Brouffous Shrike |
| 11 Median Egret | 35 Common Green Bee Eater |
| 12 Indian Wiskered Tern | 36 Swallow |
| 13 Another Tern | 37 Palm Swift |
| 14 Common Sandpiper | 38 House Swift |
| 15 Spotted Sandpiper | 39 Coucal |
| 16 Little Stint | 40 Red vented Bulbul |
| 17 Shikara | 41 Spotted Munia |
| 18 Pied Kingfisher | 42 White Throated Munia |
| 19 W. B. Kingfisher | 43 Yellow Throated Sparrow |
| 20 Pied Crested Cuckoo | 44 Spotted owl |
| 21 Grey Drongo | |
| 22 Rose R. Parakeet | |
| 23 Golden Oriole | |
| 24 Brahmy Myna | |

$$44 + 10 = 54$$

$$54 =$$

17.4.74 Sakarai Kottai Kanmai 6.00 to 7.00 am

Water just receding from the bund.
Few Grey Herons Large Egrets were
seen. At a distance about 100 to 300
Teals or Cormorants seen.

At this time of the year the Drongos
are very active.

A koel sat on a dry branch and
coed.

Two female Golden Orioles and
a young Shikara with white spots
above seen.

One one Gull billed Tern and
one Black Headed Gull were seen
No sign of Indian Whiskered Tern.

Small waders and sandpipers
completely absent.

Pelicans and other birds which
were numerous in the Peria Kanmai
were absent here. Situation was quite
contrary to that of last year.

- 55 Coppersmith
- 56 Koel
- 57 Common Babbler
- 58 Gull-billed Tern
- 59 ~~Black~~ Headed Gull
- 60 White breasted Water Hen
- 61 Hoopoe
- 62 Grey Partridge
- 63 White Billed Wagtail
- 64 Singing Skylark
- 65 Ring Dove
- 66 Rock Pigeon.

NO sign of Blue Tailed Bee Eater.
Saw two mongooses near the culvert.
Large Egrets in usual posture.

17.4.1974 Periakannai 5.30 to 6.30
P.m.

By walk to Muthina - then towards its
culvert - and return by Nainarkoil
Road.

About 800 to 1000 birds
~~come~~ down ~~to~~ on the water from the
far end. Probably Teals -

55 flamingos in the middle
of the water.

Solitary Brown Headed Gulls. Birds
the water. Two Green Sandpipers seen.
Pelicans about 500 in number
were sitting in the far northern end
in three groups and probably they were
fishing.

A pair of Little Egrets with
full breeding plumage seen near
Muthina. A Painted Snipe surprising
me near Muthina in the marsh.

- 67. Painted Snipe
- 68. Green Sandpiper
- 69. Indian Robin

21.4.74 Periakam mai - 6.30 to 8.00 A.M.

HOT day - dew in the early morning
no breeze - water just touching the single
tree - still flowing out of North Kalingu.

To day I crossed the canal inside
the kamai with some difficulty and
approached huge flocks of Painted Storks.
They were in groups of 300 to 400. Two such
large groups and small groups with lesser
numbers ~~are~~ numerous. Painted Storks
in all were about 2000 to 2500.

Felimonos absent.

Pelicans ^{in the} far off side.

10-15 Green Shanks - Teals
were also there. Open billed Storks about
50.

Gulls absent -

Indian Whiskered Terns making
shrill loud noise and they paired. Still
some without the black on the bellie.

Their style of turning peculiar. Photographed.

Chick of Brahmany Kite out of nest. Spotted
Owl also disappeared.

23.4.74 Sakkarai Kottai Kanmai 6.1567.00
(crossed Rail Line - West End ^{A.N.})


Partly Cloudy - chill morning -
water level fairly good. Water will
be there for another month

Spoon Bills, Open Bills,
Painted Storks were there in
good numbers. Few Teals
and one or two Gulls were
also noticed. The absence of
Plovers noticeable. They must
have gone for the breeding
grounds.

On the way I saw a birdcatcher
with a little Egret as his prize.
Two Egrets were about to fall
for in the net. But they escaped.

Small birds not in
good numbers.

28.4.74 Periakannai College End 4.00 to
5.00 PM

Photographed Pelican about 200 metres away. Gulls, Grey Herons, Little Egrets were in a group about 75 metre distance. The Gulls are very noisy and they were chasing one another. Three varieties of Terns were seen. One with very narrow long  wings again seen. Indian Whiskered Terns were noisy.

Pelicans and Painted Storks were in separate groups. I saw ~~three~~ seven Painted Storks flying E-SE against heavy wind with much difficulty.

70. Black Headed Gull

71 Lesser Black Backed Gull.

MAY-1974

2-5-1974 Peria kannai & North Kalinga
6.00 to 8.30 A.M. - Sunny Day - But
gentle breeze from south. Water
receded beyond the single tree
ploughing operations inside the
kannai in full swing -

Painted Stork about 500 to 200
in the northern in groups of 50 to 100. Peli-
cans in the ~~South~~ west End in groups.
Numbers of spoonbills increased.

50 to 60 Golden Plovers
in full breeding plumage in the
ploughed field near water edge.

But the yellow headed wagtails
which were there in hundred comp-
letely absent to-day.

Black winged stilts and
few Teals were also seen.

Dundins and other small
waders collected in good numbers.

Absence of Felimingo

Little Ring Plover

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

Brahmany Myna

Common Sandpiper

were not worthy.

By about 8.15 a Marsh
Harrier flew over head near the
Kalingo and a crow chased it
away. But to-day it flew at a
considerable height.

Cattle Egrets in full
breeding dress. Really beautiful
to look at. // Sun birds and
~~weathers~~ in eclipse plumage.

— A single Snipe notable.

A Tern + one or Two Gulls.

2.5.74 continued

As the day advances the Painted
storks which standing in the water
came to the land and all of them
assemble in a huge flock. Even
works in the near by field doesn't
disturb them.

There association with
Pelican in the early part of the
season and their separate flock
formation in the later part during
April May noticeable. During April
the Gulls associate with Pelicans
and follow them probably for the
tit bits which misses the birds

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11 Spotted Billed Pelican | 38 Grey Drongo |
| 12 Grey Heron | 39 Common Green Bee E. |
| 13 Median Egret | 40 Madras Bush Lark |
| 14 Cattle Egret | 41 Ashy Crowned Finch Lark |
| 15 Painted Stork | 42 Crested Lark |
| 16 Openbilled Stork | 43 Tree Pipit. |
| 17 Common Teal | 44 Jungle Babbler |
| 18 Wigeon or Pintail? or | 45 Striated Warbler |
| 19 Tawny Eagle | 46 Ashy Reed Warbler |
| 20 Marsh Harrier | 47 Sunbird |
| 21 White Breasted Water Hen | 48 Weaver Bird |
| 22 Dunlin | |
| 23 Black Winged Stilt | |
| 24 Golden Plover (50 to 60) | 49 Coppersmiths |
| 25 Spotted Sandpiper | 50 Pied Wagtail |
| 26 Solitary Snipe | 51 Tree Pie |
| 27 Common Sandpiper? | 52 Coucal |
| 28 Pied Crested Cuckoo | 53 Red vented Bulbul. |
| 29 River Tern | 54 Grey Partridge (Heard) |
| 30 Ring Dove | 55 White Throated Munia |
| 31 Koel | 56 Spoon bill |
| 32 R. R. Parakeet | 57 Indian Robin. |
| 33 Palm Swift | 58 Little Cormorant |
| 34 House Swift | |
| 35 Common Swallow | |
| 36 W. B. Kingfisher | |
| 37 Pied Kingfisher | |

3.5.74 Sakkaraittakkammai - 6-00 to 7-00 ^{am}

The water withdrawn for about 100 metres from the roadside bund. Cultivation operations started. Most of the birds in the western deep end. Not in big groups as in the Peria Kammai. Black necked Ibis were in small group. Two Wood Shrikes building nest. ~~Painted~~ The water will last for about fifteen days. Absence of Terns and Gulls noticeable.

59. Shikara

60 Wood Shrike

61 (Black necked) White Ibis

62 Yellow Throated Sparrow

63 ~~Black~~ Little Grebe.

Bimocolor Strap broken and it fell from my shoulder to the road making a great noise while cycling fortunately ~~nothing~~ no damage was done.

3 5-74 Periakamai South College End 4-30 56.00

Sunny Windy Afternoon - By cycle
to Muthina and College End.

200 to 300 Spoon bills and
about 500 Painted storks in separate
Groups. 100 to 200 Pelican actively fishing.
Lesser Blacked Gull about 20 to 30 in association
with them. Wonderful sight - due to water
depalation fishes which were afraid of
Pelicans jump up in groups and the
Gulls knockly get hold of them. Whenever
there were fishing men the Gulls circled
around them. Water will come for another
fifteen days. Photographed with ordinary
lens.

64. Lesser Black Backed Gulls

65. Brown Headed Gull

66. Herring Gull

67. Indian Whiskered Tern

68. Crested Tern

69. Ashy Swallow Shrike

70. White Headed Babler.

Group of Peals flew in a V formation.
Terns in good numbers.

5.5.74 Devipattanam 3.30 to 6.00 P.M.

Sunny day - Wind from South West - salt Pan operations in full swing.
FULL MOON DAY - SEA RECEDED only after 4.00 -

About 200 White eyed Pochar were in the tip. ~~seen~~
The flew away when I approached. But clear white wing bars and black under parts good evidence. Grey Plovers in eclipse and breeding plumage were about 20 in number. Only one curlew was seen. Absence of Indian Reef Heron in black plumage noticeable. Sand Plovers, Sunbirds, stints and other small birds in breeding dress were about 500 in numbers. They were not as weary as they usually does.

Two White Bellied Sea Eagles were seen sitting in a wave driven wood about 100 meters inside the sea.

While returning noticed the Ashy Swallow Shrikes in good numbers.

A successful trip.

- 71. White Bellied Sea Eagle (2)
- 72. Curlew (1)
- 73. Grey Plovers (15)
- 74. White Eyed Pochard (about 200)
- 75. Indian Reef Heron (white phase) 5
- 76. Lesser Sand Plover
- 77. ~~Indian~~ ^{Knot} ~~Couriers?~~
- 78. ~~Ruff?~~
- 79. Caspian Sand Plover
- 80. Large Sand Plover
- 81. Dunlin
- 82. Little Stint (1)
- 83. Knot
- 84. Curlew Sandpiper
- 85. Night Heron
- 86. Hoopie

} all assembled
in a large
gathering of
about 300 to
400 Birds
in the Northern end
mostly in breeding
plumage

} in the way to Suvipattanam.

25-5-74 Periakannai - North Kalinga - 6.00 to 7.30 AM

Water Released from Vaigai on 25-5-74 and the Periakannai was half full. It is a rare thing that water releasing for irrigation during May. The water level is beyond the single tree and it submerged cucumber and other cultivation.

No water sweeping in the fields around the Kannai. The Pelicans and Painted Storks completely absent. Grey Herons, Teals, Egrets and Cuckoos were seen. High winds.

Two Black winged Kites in the northern end. as usual seen this season also.

Pied Crested Cuckoos completely
absent.

Common Green Bee Eaters were
without the wire tail.

87 Common Kingfisher

88 Blackwinged Kite.

Madras Bush Lark

B. B. Finch Lark

W. B. Kingfisher

Pied Kingfisher

Common Bee Eater

Palm Swift

Common Swift

Tree Pie

Striated Warbler

Ashy Wren Warbler

Purple Sunbird

R. Ringed Parakeet

Ring Dove

Rock Pigeon

Grey Doves

Cattle Egret

Grey Heron

Painted Stork

$$20 + 10$$

$$= 30$$

31.5.1974 Sethukarai 6.15 to 8.45 a.m.

By bus to Sethukarai. Partly cloudy
high winds. Few drops of rain.

Trip not successful. most of the
birds in the Thorn forest gone

Absence of
many

Pied Crested Cuckoo

Brahminy Myna

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

were noticable. They were not found
even around Ramnad.

Green Faced Malkoha also not
seen.

In the sea coast. Trentits
were seen - about 15. They were
chasing each other - noisy - with fish
in their mouths.

Near the lagoon in the sea the
sand bed and bars were visible.

I had taken four photographs.

In the Kurn forest there ~~was~~ ^{the usual} birds
were absent.

1. Grey Heron

2. Open billed Stork

3. Lesser Sand Plover

4. Common Sand piper

89 5. Tern let-

90 6. Golden Backed Woodpecker.

7. Ashy Swallow Shrike

8. Grey Drongo.

9. Rose Ringed Parakeet

10. B. B. Finch Lark

11. Jungle Babbler

12. Common Babbler

13. Indian Robin

14. Peafowl

15. Red vented Babbler

16. Common Green Bee Eater

17. White Breasted K. fisher

18. Indian Reef Heron?

19. Rock Pigeon

20. Madras Bush Lark

$$20 + 10 = 30$$

Total for
May 90

JUNE - 1974.

Periakannai - 4-6.74 - 5-45AM to 7-45AM.

Hot morning - no wind - water,
Just touching the single tree - operations
in full swing in cucumber fields.

One Felimingo surprised
me and while returning I saw a group
of about ten in the far off end. No Belic
cans or Painted Storks. But Painted
Storks daily hover round over Ram
nad in its daily flight.

Saw six Pied Crested Cuckoos
there absence on 25.5.74 a mystery.
Black winged stilts about half a dozen.
Terns also were in small number.
No Bird was seen in a large collection
as during first week of May.

Fire work noise to scare
away birds -

Absence of Blue Tailed
Bee Eater and Brahmy myna not at all

- 11 Flamingo (10)
- 12 Open billed Stork (20)
- 13 Grey Heron (30)
- 14 Spoon Bill (20)
- 15 White Ibis (5)
- 16 Black winged Stilt
- 17 Common Teal
- 18 Little Grebe
- 19 Pochards & Wigeon
- 20 Painted Sorks (in flight)
- 21 ^{Kenish} Little Ringed Plover
- 22 Black winged Kite
- 23 Median Egret
- 24 White Breasted Warblers
- 25 River Tern
- 26 Pied Crested Cuckoo
- 27 Koel.
- 28 Ring Dove
- 29 R.-R. Parakeet
- 30 Palm Swift
- 31 House Swift
- 32 W.-B. Kingfisher
- 33 Pied Kingfisher

- 34 Grey Drongo
- 35 Common Beed Bee-Eater
- 36 Madras Bush Lark
- 37 Ashy Crowned Finch Lark
- 38 Singing Sky Lark
- 39 Richard's Pipit (C)?
- 40 Tree Pipit
- 41 Jungle Babbler
- 42 Striated Warbler
- 43 Ashy Reed Warbler
- 44 Purple Sunbird
- 45 Weaver Bird
- 46 Pied Wagtail
- 47 Coucal
- 48 Redvented Babbler
- 49 Grey Partridge (Hens)

At Rannay

- 50 Night Heron
- 51 Copper Smith
- 52 Rock Pigeon

6.6.74 - Lakshmi Ooruni Route - Railway
Station - back 6.15 to 7.45 A.M.

Still there water in the small tank
and Paddy standing nearby field.
In the Big tank there is little water in
the pools.

53. Indian Robin

54. White Throated Munia

Tawny Eagle?

White Breasted Water Hen

White Breasted Kingfisher

~~White Throated Munia~~

Night Heron

Medium Egret

Coppersmiths

Palm Swift

Brown Swift

Ashy Warbler

Concor

Koel

R.R. Parakeet

15-6-74 Periakannai - 6.00 to 7.00 A.M.

- Windy - water just touching the single tree - it will last for another month. Just now fresh Agri operations started in few fields.

Birds Spoon bills and Painted Storks came in groups of 10 to 20 from East ~~every~~ early morning. ~~Huge~~ flocks of Pelicans seen on the far end.

Few Black winged Stilts, Teals - Ducks - Grey Pelicans were also seen. *

Pied Crested Cuckoos seen in good numbers.

My nas ~~is~~ collected in large flocks

55. Pelicans

56. Cattle Egret.

Median Egret

57. Spotted owl

58. Purple Rumped Sunbird.

23. 6. 74 Periakamai - 5.00-6.30 AM
25. 6. 74 Periakamai 6.00-7.30 A.M

water will come for another
thirty days.

On 23rd saw two huge
collection of Painted Storks about
800 in number. By 5.45 They all
rose up circled and reparted
into two groups. One flew towards
East. Another circled up and up.
Both the second group come down
after ten minutes and followed
the first group. The first group
also returned back. They met
near Kavanow circled up and
then flew towards East. forming
5 or 6 groups. They were visible
through Binoculars even at
6.15 They will be about 10 or 12 K.M
East. [Very beautiful sight.]

On 25th morning observed
Painted Storks and Spoonbills
coming from east from 6.00 A.M.
to 7.30 A.M. Painted Storks in
groups of 10 to 12 to 60 to 70.
and all alighted at single
place. Their peculiar grazing
(Gzōigōi) habit which I observed
at Kavanoor 3 months back was
observed here also.

Grey and Purple Herons
Open bills, Bl. Winged Stilts, Teals
were also seen. Absence of
Pelimings. No Pelicans?

One group of Painted stork
came from south. 6 in number.

59. Common Kingfisher.

27.6.74 Lakshmi Corum 6.45 to 7.45 am
route

Paddy Harvested - little water in the
wayside pool. Saw a Grey Heron
sitting in a tree spreading its wing like
Cormorant. Few nest of Egrets noticed
near the pool.

Grey Heron
White Breasted K.f.
Night Heron
Common K. fisher
Pied W. Wagtail
Koel
R. R. Parakeet
Indian Robin
Common Bee Eater
Weaver Bird
Tailor Bird
White Throated Munia
B. B. Finch Lark
Tree Pipit

60. Hoopie